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an imaging panel that produces virtual images;

illumination optics configured to provide illumination light to the imaging panel from a source using a MEMS (micro-electro mechanical system) device operating to raster scan illumination light onto the imaging panel;

a combiner comprising one of numerical aperture (NA) converter or exit pupil expander (EPE); and

imaging optics configured to couple image light from the imaging panel into the combiner, wherein illumination light propagates on a path along the chain of the optical elements comprising the illumination optics, the imaging panel, imaging optics, and combiner in series, such that the combiner is last in the series to thereby display images on the user's eye.

8. The HMD device of claim **7** wherein the imaging panel operates in one of transmission or reflection.

9. The HMD device of claim 7 wherein the imaging optics include one of birdbath imaging optics or direct eyepiece optics.

10. The HMD device of claim **7** wherein the MEMS device is operated to provide raster scanning through a fast 20 axis and a slow axis.

11. The HMD device of claim 7 wherein the EPE comprises waveguide-based display comprising one or more diffractive optical elements (DOEs) configured for in-coupling light from the imaging panel, expanding an exit pupil of the image light, and out-coupling the image light from the display with expanded exit pupil.

12. The HMD device of claim 7 in which the imaging optics further comprise magnifying or collimating optics to provide increased exit pupil and field of view of the displayed images.

13. A device configured to control image light associated with virtual images within a field of view (FOV), comprising:

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an imager configured to generate the virtual images;

a waveguide including an in-coupling diffractive optical element (DOE) configured to in-couple virtual image light into the waveguide, at least one intermediate DOE configured to expand an exit pupil of the image light in a first direction of the FOV, and an out-coupling DOE configured to expand the exit pupil of the image light in a second direction of the FOV and further configured to out-couple image light out of the waveguide to an eye of a user of the device; and

a MEMS (micro-electro mechanical system) scanner configured to perform raster scanning of illumination light from an illumination light source to illuminate the imager to thereby generate the virtual image light.

14. The device of claim 13 further comprising birdbath imaging optics comprising one or more of fold mirror or polarization beam splitter and one or more lenses configured for magnifying or collimating the virtual image light.

15. The device of claim **13** in which the imager is a micro-display.

16. The device of claim 13 in which the illumination light source is a laser.

17. The device of claim 13 in which the virtual images are color images using different colors, and the MEMS scanner is operated to modulate per-color intensity.

18. The device of claim 17 in which the imager is operated using an RGB (red, green, blue) color model.

19. The device of claim 13 in which the waveguide is configured as a near-eye display.

20. The device of claim 13 in which the MEMS scanner and imager are operated as a pico projector.

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